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Free Restaurant Tax Seminar in Fontana on April 19, 2011

Vice Chair Michelle Steel and Board Member Senator George Runner of the State Board of Equalization, Fontana Mayor Acquanetta Warren, and San Bernardino County Supervisor Janice Rutherford today announced a free Restaurant Tax Seminar on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Fontana.

Event: Free Restaurant Tax Seminar in Fontana

Where: Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Community Center
15556 Summit Avenue
Fontana, CA 92336
(Free parking)

When: Tuesday, April 19, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (*Check-in at 8:30 a.m.*)

Register: Online at www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/restsched.htm or by phone at 888-847-9652

This free restaurant tax seminar is geared to assist restaurant owners and entrepreneurs considering starting a restaurant business who have questions about state or federal tax laws. Topics to be presented include sales and use tax issues, marketing your restaurant, financing your business, employment taxes, forms of ownership, and tip income reporting. Representatives from the Board of Equalization, Franchise Tax Board, Employment Development Department, Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. Small Business Administration, and the Inland Empire Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will be available at the seminar to assist attendees.

Editor's note: please listen to the 15-second and 30-second audio PSA audio public service announcements for this event: www.boe.ca.gov/news/Fontana_PSA_15Sec.mp3 and www.boe.ca.gov/news/Fontana_PSA_30Sec.mp3.

For more information on this seminar, visit: www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/restsched.htm. Additional information regarding other helpful in-person classes offered by BOE is available online at: www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars_inperson.htm. The BOE also offers easy to use, convenient, 24-hour accessible online seminars on a variety of tax and fee topics at: www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars_online.htm.

Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006 and re-elected in 2010, Michelle Steel serves as *Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate*. In December 2007, Steel discovered the Board of Equalization

had delayed the return of millions of dollars in security deposits owed to California businesses. Procedures were changed due to Steel's decisive leadership. Following her investigation, the tax agency refunded tax security deposits to over 5,500 small businesses.

Elected in November 2010, taxpayer advocate George Runner represents the Second District of the Board of Equalization. Runner was sworn in as Second District Board Member on January 3, 2011. Prior to his election to the Board, Runner served twelve years in the State Legislature. As a thoughtful conservative, his legislative priorities included improving the economy, business growth, education excellence, and public safety for all Californians. As a member of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, Runner consistently led the fight against tax increases and supported tax relief for families and businesses.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$48 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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